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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, EG, IS

SUBJECT: ISRAELI HARRASSMENT OF AMOCO EXPLORATION

1. AMOCO (CRAIG) INFORMS US THAT HARRASSMENT INCIDENT  
OCCURRED AT ABOUT 2150 ON AUGUST 4.

2. ACCORDING TO AMOCO, CONTRACT SELF-PROPELLED  
DRILL SHIP OCEAN TIDE (U.S.-OWNED) WAS ENROUTE TO  
PLATFORM NUMBER THREE IN RAMADAN FIELD ASSISTED  
BY FRENCH TUG BECAUSE OF HIGH WINDS. OCEAN TIDE  
LOST POWER, FRENCH TUG COULD NOT HOLD HER, AND  
CALL WAS MADE FOR ADDITIONAL TUG, STAR ORION  
(UK). LATTER VESSEL WAS INTERCEPTED BY ISRAELI  
PATROL BOAT WHILE ENROUTE TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO  
OCEAN TIDE, WHICH AMOCO SAYS MAY HAVE DRIFTED (WITH  
FRENCH TUG) "A COUPLE OF MILES" SOUTHEAST OF  
INTENDED LOCATION AS RESULT OF WINDS.

3. ISRAELIS INSTRUCTED CAPTAIN OF STAR ORION  
TO LEAVE THE AREA AS HE WAS "IN ISRAELI WATERS".  
TUGS THEN PULLED OCEAN TIDE SOUTHWEST TO SEEK  
SHELTER WHILE REPAIRS ARE EFFECTED. COMPANY  
INTENDS TO RETURN TO PLATFORM NUMBER THREE AS  
SOON AS THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, I.E. ON  
5TH OR 6TH.

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4. COMMENT: INITIAL AMOCO REPORT OF INCIDENT WAS

SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE SCENARIO: OCEAN TIDE  
HAD BEEN INTERCEPTED AND ORDERED OUT. WHEN WE  
CHECKED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, NEW FACTS CAME TO  
LIGHT. CRAIG ADVISES THAT REASON IS POOR RADIO  
COMMUNICATIONS WITH SHIPS, AND OBLIQUE, GURADED  
CONVERSATIONS IN WHICH INFO IS PASSED.  
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